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East Germany

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East German Railroad Information: Coal
Consumption Quotas, Shortages in Construction
Materials and Fuel

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Berlin, the following daily coal consumption quotas went into effect for the individual railroad districts on 3 October 1952:

Railroad District	Daily Quota (in tons)
Berlin	2,850
Greifswald	1,050
Schwerin	1,200
Magdeburg	2,450
Halle	3,850
Erfurt	3,100
Dresden	3,350
Cottbus	1,450
Total	19,300

the following permanent way construction materiel required for the 1952 railroad construction program cannot be obtained in East Germany:

a. Rails:

Requirements	21,000 tons
Delivered	10,500 "
Expected deliveries	1,500 "

The remaining 9,000 tons of rails cannot be delivered. It would cost an estimated 1,620,000 to pay for these rails if they were imported.

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b. Fish-Plates.

Unfilled requirements 1,000 tons

An estimated 250,000 westmarks would be required to procure this material.

c. Coach Screws.

Unfilled requirements 4.7 million units

An estimated 2,115,000 westmarks would be required to procure these screws.

d. Hook Bolts.

Unfilled requirements 2.5 million units

An estimated 1,500,000 westmarks would be required to procure these hook bolts.

e. Fish-Bolts.

Unfilled requirements 404,000 units

An estimated 242,000 westmarks would be required to procure these fish-bolts.

f. Lock Washers.

Unfilled requirements 6,200,000 units

An estimated 310,000 westmarks would be required to procure these lock washers. 3

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conservation of gasoline and Diesel oil:

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a. Gasoline-Burning Motor Rail Coaches.

Careful checks will have to be made whether passenger trains pulled by locomotives burning gasoline must continue to operate or whether steam locomotives cannot be used instead. Time-tables are to be drawn up in order to attain a maximum saving of gasoline. Official trips by gasoline-burning motor rail coaches require the approval of the president of the regional railroad headquarters concerned. Excursions arranged by travel agencies or other enterprises will discontinue immediately.

b. Small Locomotives.

Small locomotives are of great importance in the endeavour to accelerate the time periods required for round trips of rolling stock. However, the employment of small locomotives must be checked thoroughly, because fuel consumption by these locomotives is unusually high.

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c. Sedans.

Official trips by sedans are to be limited to a minimum and require the approval of the president of the regional railroad headquarters or of the chief of the railroad repair shop concerned. 4

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